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EDITORIAL

Congratulations to Deddington Playgroup on a remarkable achievement (page 12). Only last April they reported in 'Calling all Clubs' their intention to "raise money for a much needed new building". By June fund raising had started in earnest. The target was £17,000. Thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of many, many people, plus tangible support from Parish and District Councils, the Football Club, County Dairies, Rockwell Developments and others, the building is now up and operational. Well done.

A reminder that duplicating, collating and delivering The News all centre on the School. So because of school holidays, there will be an unusually long gap between next copy date (29 March) and publication day (16 April). Delivery could be a day or two before or after the 16th, depending on where you live.

DIARY

MAR 8 W.I. Committee Nominations. Holly Tree Club. 7.30 pm.
12 British Legion. Second Thoughts.
13 Mothering Sunday. Parish Church United Service. 10.30 am.
15 Budget day.
19 Jumble Sale. Playgroup. Holly Tree Club. 2 pm.
21 Inter Schools Cross Country Match.
23 Parish Council. Town Hall. 7.15 pm.
25 Lady Day. Mothers' Union Birthday Celebratory Communion. 10 am.
26 Grand Jumble Sale. Scouts/Guides Group. Windmill Centre. 2 pm.
28-Apr 8 Deddington Primary School Easter Holiday.
29 DEDDINGTON NEWS COPY DATE (April issue)
APR 1 Good Friday. Congregational Church. Service 10.30 am.
2-8 Deddington Primary School trip to York.
3 Easter Sunday. Wesleyan Church. Holy Communion. 8 am.
Family Service 10.30 am.
8 Christian Viewpoint. Liz Maycock. 'Adjusting to Change'. HTC. 12.30 pm.
8 Best Kept Village Competition. Closing date for applications.
14 Mothers' Union meeting. Vicarage.
16 DEDDINGTON NEWS PUBLICATION DAY (April issue).
16 Church Clock Appeal 50/50 Auction. Manor Farm, Hempton Road.
16-24 Litter Blitz Week.
24 St George's Day Parade, Banbury.
26 DEDDINGTON NEWS COPY DATE (May issue).
27 Parish Council. Town Hall. 7.15 pm.
MAY 7 Bowls Club Market Stall. Town Hall.
7 Scouts/Guides Group. Annual Car Wash. Bullring. 9am-1pm. £1 per car.
7 DEDDINGTON NEWS PUBLICATION DAY (May issue).
19 Demonstration of Church Flower Arrangements by Mrs Penelope Everett. Parish Church. 2 pm. Tickets £2, including tea.
25 Parish Council. Town Hall. 7.15 pm.
31 DEDDINGTON NEWS COPY DATE (June issue)
JUN 10 Christian Viewpoint. Mrs Hannah. HTC. 12.30 pm. (CHANGE OF DATE)
11 DEDDINGTON NEWS PUBLICATION DAY (June issue).
11 Bowls Club Market Stall. Town Hall.
11 Car Boot Sale. Home School Association.
25 Church Clock Appeal Midsummer Fair
JUL First Week. 'Cherwell in Bloom' Judging.
9 Deddington Primary School Annual School Fete

D E D D I N G T O N P A R I S H C O U N C I L

Note of Meeting on 17 February 1988 at 7.15 pm

Roads . A423 - District Cllr Clifton's correspondence with Minister for Transport indicates that shortening the 3-way section is under consideration. PC continues to press for double white lines for the whole length of Deddington Hill and Dane Hill . B4031 - weight restrictions being progressed by District Council . M40 - signs prohibiting motorway construction traffic now being placed at strategic points in the area.
Castle Grounds - 7 letters received objecting to Car Park proposals. PC to consider at next meeting.
Bus Fares - WI have notified PC of public interest in concessions for OAPs. Petition has been organised. PC will await developments.
War Memorial - quote from Cakebread , of Banbury, for £6,180 to reposition and refurbish the Memorial. PC to ask for itemisation of quote and to seek other tenders.
Sewage system - District Cllr Croft's help appreciated on discussions with Timms & Co about potential overload of system as housing developments continue.
Grass cutting - PC to obtain quotes for 1988 requirements.
Red Telephone Boxes - Cllr Cole, PC representative on Post Office Advisory Committee, reported that traditional red boxes will be replaced by "modern" (yellow) ones. PC to inform Post Office that Red Box in Market Place should be retained and, if possible, listed.
Best Kept Village - Deddington to be entered for 1988 Competition: closing date 8 April.
Hempton Stonepit - to be discussed in closed session.
Windmill Centre - (i) Lease has actually been signed (ii) Football and Cricket Clubs to be involved in plans and proposals for recreation facilities (iii) Roof still drips.
Appeals . Church Clock Summer Fair - PC approved use of Town Hall canopy on 25 June . Radcliffe Medical Foundation - PC decided by vote not to contribute funds for supporting research and assisting NHS.
Planning . Maunds Farm - (i) appeal against decision to limit access to one road only has been dismissed (ii) PC has no objection to the name 'The Maunds' . Hempton Road - public hearing to be held on proposals for residential development . Earls Farm - conversion of farm buildings to holiday accommodation: PC no objection (Cllr Fuller declared interest) . The Barn, Clifton (i) conversion to dwellings (ii) temporary siting of mobile home during conversion work: PC no objection . Acorn Stores, Market Place - division of first floor into two flats and "rehabilitation" of No. 4 Market Place: PC objection, noting that demolishing part of No. 4 to make an access road to rear would lead to additional traffic congestion and hazards affecting Market Place and Church Street, as well as causing noise and aggravation to occupants of No. 3 Market Place. . Wootton Dene, Hempton - demolish and rebuild house: PC no objection . Castle Lodge - erect shed, lobby and chimney: PC no objection . No. 7 Castle Street - Demolition, reconstruction and provision of garages: PC no objection . St Anne's Cottage, Clifton - major extensions: PC deferred consideration until next meeting.
Accounts - Main item passed for payment was £106.98 loan annuity on Cemetery.
Civil Protection Plan - Cllr Marmion undertook to provide a progress report to The Deddington News.

THE PARISH COUNCIL THEN WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION.

CIVIL PROTECTION PLAN On 11 January Cllr Marmion and the Clerk attended the first training session of the Community Emergency Volunteer Scheme. These evening training sessions are expected to last until March 1989. In the meantime, there are a number of tasks which can be progressed towards the Civil Protection Plan. Cllr Marmion will do this using the Council minutes. He will keep The Deddington News informed.

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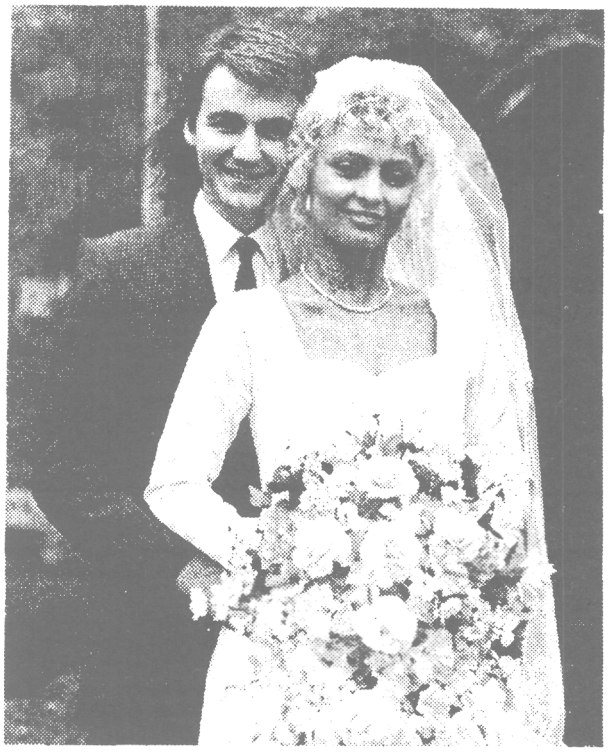

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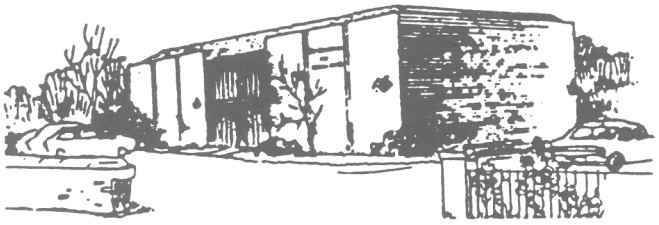

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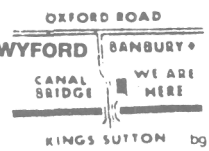

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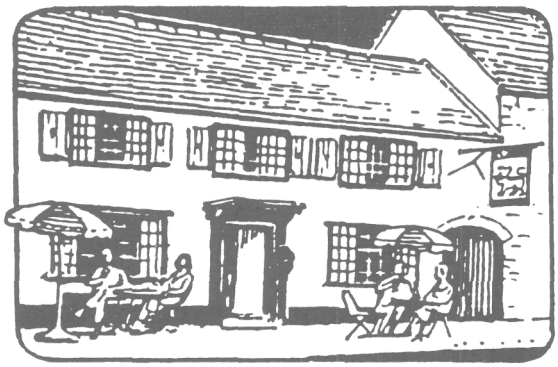

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'When someone becomes a Christian he becomes a brand new person inside...
He is not the same any more.' THAT'S FREEDOM !

DAVE ABEL 38024

PARISH CHURCH

Confirmation The Bishop of Oxford confirmed boys and girls on 23 February at the parish church :
Sophie Beckett, Andrew Bond, Helen Bond, Becky Bryant, Elizabeth Fenemore, Howard Nason, Laura Nason, Paul Rampley, Vicky Weatherhead and Clare White. The Bishop preached and celebrated the Eucharist, and the candidates received their first communion after their confirmation. Our congratulations to them. I shall be glad to hear of any adults inquiring for Confirmation. They may be confirmed at another church and time as may be convenient.

Mothering Sunday (13 March) is always in the middle of Lent, that is, three weeks before Easter. We shall have a united service at the parish church at 10.30 and the Revd David Abel will speak. The Scouts, Guides, Cub Scouts and Brownies will receive posies of flowers to give to their mothers. Please will anyone who has suitable flowers give some for this special occasion. The Orchid Patrol of the Guides will make up the posies at the Vicarage in the morning of the day before. Come and celebrate Mothering Sunday as a great Family Day.

Mothers Union Our Branch is 70 years old on 27 March, and the Mothers Union in this diocese is 100 years old this year - so double celebrations. It all started in this parish with a tea party at Boulderdyke, Clifton, in 1918. So we re-enacted that tea party at our March meeting when our special guests were Canon and Mrs George Palmer. We also had a talk on the C of E Childrens Society by David Norwood.
On Lady Day, 25 March at 10.00, we will celebrate our birthday with Holy Communion in church, and coffee and birthday cake afterwards. Our Diocesan President, Barbara MacGregor, and also the Shenington Branch, will be coming to that. If any old (or former) members would like to come on Lady Day, we shall be delighted to see them.

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Mothers Union (continued from page 3)

On Thursday 14 April our meeting will be at the Vicarage. Please note the change of week, due to Easter.

Demonstration of Church Flower Arrangements Mrs Penelope Everett, who arranges flowers in Westminster Abbey, will give a demonstration in the parish church on Thursday 19 May at 2.00 pm We invite everyone who is interested to come. Tickets at £2.00 (including tea) will be on sale from Honora Skemp and Pat Hannah or at the time of the demonstration.

Holy Baptism

31 January	Kelly Patricia, daughter of Patrick and Kim Moriarty, and grand-daughter of Jim and Pat Franklin
7 February	Leonie Jayne, daughter of Russell and Pamela Dancer.
20 February	Liam Robert Christopher, son of Stuart and Karen Creed.

Obituary Ernest Callow of Castle Street has died after some years of failing health. He had been a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, but apart from the war years he had lived and worked in Deddington all his life.
Leslie Harper, The Paddocks, died suddenly on 4 January at the age of 79. He had been at Adderbury Grounds Farm as a herdsman for many years, living at Paper Mill. We give our sympathy to the bereaved families.

RICHARD HANNAH 38329

DEDDINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Comic Relief 'Red Nose' Day We had a wonderful day on 5 February. Many of us dressed up and sponsored each other to do all sorts of things.... P.E. activities, games, playing the piano, painting faces, etc. etc. We sold 196 noses at 50p each, and sent the staggering total of £237 to Comic Relief. I would like to thank everyone who so generously supported the children and staff. It was a truly memorable day!

Arrivals and Departures I would like to welcome a new member of Class E, Scott Cherry, who has moved with his family to Deddington, from Banbury. At half-term, we sadly said goodbye to Christopher Bullock, who has gone off to Budapest, and will be moving to a new school when he returns later in the year.

Sport Our football and netball teams are doing very well this year. The 6-a side footballers didn't get that far in the Warriner Knockout Competition in early February, but neither did they lose any matches: 3 no score draws! The football and netball teams both beat Adderbury Primary School (5-1 and 4-1 respectively) on 9 February. We have three more matches, v North Newington, Hook Norton and Steeple Aston Schools in March. We also have the Warriner Knockout Netball Competition on 7 March and an inter-schools Cross Country match on 21 March.

Class Outings We have had two very interesting class outings this term; Class E went to St. John's Museum, Warwick, where the children dressed in Victorian clothes and experienced an hour in a Victorian classroom, then went on to wash clothes the Victorian way - no washing machine, but with mangles and washing dollies! Class T went to the Blenheim Sawmills and Forest Trail, then visited the craft workshops at Freeland.

Computers We have been lucky to be able to borrow a Nimbus computer for this half of term, with a view to, hopefully, buying one of our own in the future, with the considerable help of our Home School Association. If anyone would like to see what this wonderful machine can do, please let me know, and we will arrange a demonstration!

JOHN MORGAN (Headteacher) 38430

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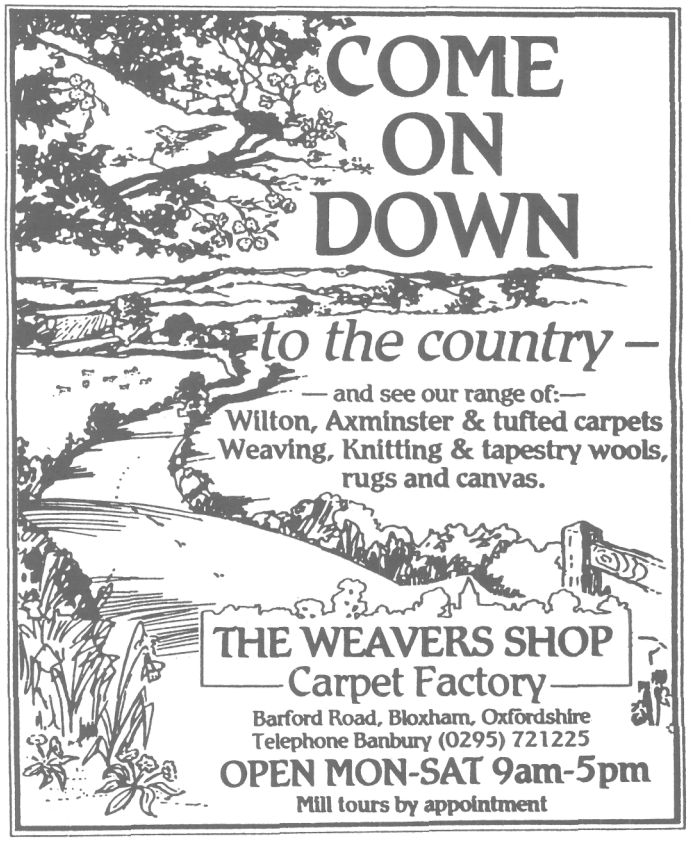

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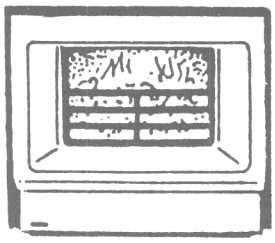

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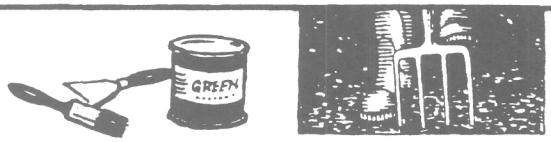

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From Mrs Jill Cheeseman to Cllr Fenemore, Chairman, Parish Council, 10.2.88
Copy to The Deddington News

I was surprised to read in the last edition of The Deddington News that I had resigned as a Parish Council elected governor of Deddington Primary School. "Did she fall or was she pushed?" I asked myself.

Some people may be interested in the answer. As you know, but other people may not, it is quite legitimate for someone to remain as a school governor although no longer a Parish Councillor, as the Parish Council have allowed me to do since I did not stand for election in May 1986.

An inspection of the Parish Council minutes reveals that the matter was discussed at your meeting of the 28th October 1987, at which it was agreed that you as Chairman would 'discuss with the Chairman of the Governors and Mrs Cheeseman the position of the latter and report back at the next meeting'.

The following meeting of the 25th November has it minuted that a councillor hoped to propose 'A Councillor to fill the other appointed Governorship at the next meeting', that is the place left vacant by myself presumably as the vacancy left by Councillor Hayward's resignation had been filled by Councillor Garrett.

It was following that meeting that you visited me on the 1st December and told me that the Parish Council no longer wanted me as one of their elected Governors. On inspecting the papers I have as an ex-governor, I confirmed by telephone to you the following day that I agreed I had no option in the matter. The Parish Council had elected me and it was their privilege to dismiss me.

However, I would like the records put right, and in the meantime I would not like anyone to think that I had left for any other reason.

From Cllr Fenemore to Mrs Cheeseman, 20.2.88
Copy to The Deddington News

Thank you for your letter of 10/2/88. It would appear from your letter and our telephone conversation that you are concerned with the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 16/12/87, in which I reported that I had seen you and you had resigned as Parish Council representative on the Primary School Governors Board.

Perhaps I was a little vague and should have said that you had agreed to resign. As you will know the Parish Council has two representatives on the School Governors Board.

The matter of the Parish Council's representatives on the school governors was debated at the meeting of 28/10/87 after a letter from Councillor Hayward, resigning his Governorship, had been circulated to all members.

After the Clerk had explained the position concerning the Council-appointed governors, it was decided that Council-appointed governors should be elected Council members, and as you were no longer a Parish Councillor you should be asked to stand down.

I discussed this with the Chairman of the Governors and he concurred that it was the Council's prerogative to do this and that there was no other vacancy on the Governors Board at that time. I did not inform you of the Council's intentions until 1/12/87 because it was not until after the meeting of 25/11/87 that I had a Councillor proposed to take your place.

I hope that as you requested in your letter this reply has put the record straight in the minds of anyone that may be interested. As Chairman I have the duty to see that the decisions and resolutions of the elected Parish Council are carried out and I did not do anything that was improper or against the Council's wishes.

(LETTERS continued on page 6)

For reasons of space we have considerably shortened the following letter, which is closely reasoned and very detailed, but too long for our pages.

From Mr Nicholas McGeachin to Mr P J Floyd, County Solicitor, Oxfordshire CC
Copy to The Deddington News /11.1.88.

RE: PROHIBITION OF WAITING - ORDER NO. 198. PROPOSAL FOR A 49M "NO WAITING" ZONE ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF HUDSON STREET, DEDDINGTON

I write with reference to the above-mentioned plan. It would be a good idea (for safety reasons only) to make the section of Hudson Street between High Street and the entrance to garage workshops (a distance of approximately 15m) a "No Waiting" area. To extend this to the full proposed 49m is (a) an utter nuisance to RESIDENTS who already have enough problems due to the lack of adequate parking spaces and (b) a total waste of public funds as nobody parks on the south side of Hudson Street anyway.

The only times when traffic congestion occurs in Hudson Street or at its junction with High Street are when heavy traffic is using Hudson Street to gain access to the Market Square, or to get back onto the A423.

Hudson Street is a very narrow, residential street and, as such, it is totally wrong to allow trucks and buses to use it for access when a more suitable route exists.

The left hand turn out of Hudson Street into New Street (the continuation of High Street - south) is a very dangerous manoeuvre at the best of times. "Near misses" at the High Street/Hudson Street junction are almost a daily occurrence. Turning right into Hudson Street from New Street (especially by heavy vehicles) also causes problems. On occasions, traffic can sometimes be backed up to actually outside of Deddington to the south.

Allowing some parking on the north side of Hudson Street does mean that traffic (light or heavy vehicles) cannot drive fast. Whereas if they got used to not having to avoid parked vehicles, they would be more likely to make hasty 'swings' into Hudson Street and drive with less care. This would inevitably lead to a serious accident one day.

Local residents (ie RATEPAYERS) have enough parking problems already without five or six valuable spaces being swallowed up in Hudson Street. The problems we face, especially when the "El Mexicano" restaurant is having a busy evening, are very annoying. Really, all we ask is that we can park in front of or near to our own homes. That doesn't seem too much to ask for - we live in the country, after all, not in Central London. Taking away the parking facilities in Hudson Street will make matters yet more annoying and could possibly even lead to friction in the neighbourhood as residents vie for "their" spots.

The solution to these problems is really quite simple. Heavy traffic must be totally banned from using Hudson Street either as access into or out of the Market Square or for access to the onward route to Aynho. Heavy traffic (ie buses, trucks, large vans etc.) should always use the Horsefair entrance to the square. This is, at least, safe as it is a controlled junction. Must we wait for a serious accident at the Hudson Street/A423 junction before such a logical solution can be considered?

Buses, south or north bound, can enter the square from the traffic light at the Horsefair/A423 junction, pick up and discharge people at the Town Hall bus stop (thus eliminating the need for two bus stops - at least the Town Hall one offers shelter) and then turn around the Green and re-enter the A423 at the traffic lights again. This would not disrupt timetables at all and, most importantly from everyone's point of view, IT IS SAFE.

The money that is saved from not having to paint so much yellow line could be used to erect signs advising drivers of heavy vehicles of these new restrictions in Hudson Street. If there is any money left over after that, perhaps you could consider (a) putting up more signs informing drivers of the 30mph speed limit

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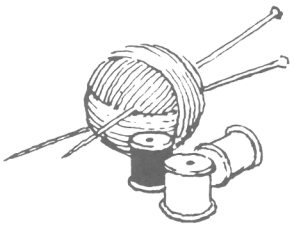

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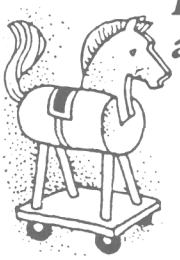

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THE WAY WE WERE Part 1

Even today, more than 40 years on, people are still interested in life as it was lived during the Second World War. Books, newspapers, films and TV programmes bring out the drama and the humour, the heroism and the comradeship, the stress and the danger. Ordinary people did extraordinary things: and extraordinary people did ordinary things.

Some of our own local authors have written in The Deddington News about those times. Here is another vivid recollection, by one of our most prolific writers.

NOT DAD'S ARMY - LDV Home Guard

by Bernard Bowerman

The Local Defence Volunteers were formed early in 1940. LDV was interpreted by some wag as Look, Duck and Vanish, which is no doubt what would have happened if the enemy had landed, as we had no weapons. Our job was to observe. At that time there was a real threat of enemy forces landing from the air to disrupt transport. We had a section at Clifton. Just before dawn we went to the best vantage points to scan the countryside. We had two shotguns but gradually we began getting equipment - denim uniforms, Ross rifles.

Then we took over the top floor of the Deddington Town Hall - four of us on duty all night. We all did a turn each week until 6 am. Before going home we had to go up to the Observers Post, near allotments opposite the Windmill, to get their all clear. It was pitch dark in the winter as the clocks were kept on one hour in the winter and two in the summer, so we were partly nocturnal - not a glimmer of light was allowed. Then home to start work at 7 am.

We had very little spare time. We worked long hours in the summer. Every Sunday we had rifle practice or an exercise. Everyone did their best. We all got on well together. The sergeants were ex-servicemen. Ours was Boyce Paginton who lost an eye in the first war.

Our Commander was John Morris, who, like the sergeant, wanted everyone to look their best. We did not behave as portrayed in Dad's Army. We know that was for amusement, but it has not improved our image. A photo of us can be seen in the School. /THIS WAS KINDLY DONATED BY MR BOWERMAN AND CAN BE SEEN IN THE ENTRANCE HALL - EDS/ It was not always too serious; we had humorous times. We sometimes had exercises with the army or other local sections too. I well remember when Clifton Section were given the job of capturing our Headquarters. It was a bitter sharp moonlight night. We avoided the main road, making a detour through the fields. Then we crossed Earls Lane, getting into the Churchyard, then over the high wall into the gardens of Castle House where I jumped and landed in a garden frame, making enough noise to wake the dead. I heard Sgt Paginton say ..... /CENSORED - EDS/ so all our stealthy work was wasted. We got to Tuckers Stores but were finished off by hand grenades and snipers, so that was one battle we lost.

The other exercise was when three of us went to Hinksey near Oxford to referee an attack by the Americans on the Home Guard. It was like the phoney war. Nothing happened for several hours. The Home Guard was expecting a sudden attack. Then word came through that the Americans had captured the Home Guard Headquarters and were moving down into Oxford. They had passed us under our feet in the sewers. That was another battle we lost.

Before I close I must mention our wives, who had to put up with us being out so much - it would not do today - and other ladies who organised dances and other functions for our fund which amounted to quite a sum at the end of the war. This was later given to the Church to modernize the Alms Houses.

And that was the Home Guard .....

DONATIONS TO THE DEDDINGTON NEWS We acknowledge with thanks recent donations of £5 and £10 - EDS.

THE WAY WE WERE Part 2

Some time ago Fred Deely wrote us some pieces, about the Bowls Club and about the carriers of Deddington, before the first bus service. This month he tells one of his ...

TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED

by Fred Deely

Mr Beesley lived in a big house opposite the Malt House, close by the church. He had five sons and two daughters. He was a carpenter by trade and he rented a large barn at the top of the drive.

He always had several coffins, which he made, and one morning one of the boys heard him say that Mr So-and-so was coming to buy one, as his wife had passed away.

Now, I have heard that it was Tom Beesley who decided to try what it was like to lie in a coffin. So he got some rugs and rolled himself up and got into a coffin, leaving only a little space to breathe. Along came Mr So-and-so. Seeing the lid of one coffin partly open, he looked inside. I don't know whether Tom was asleep or not, but he looked up with a start at Mr So-and-so. They say the gentleman broke the 50 yards record going down that drive.

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DEDDINGTON SCOUT/GUIDE GROUP

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WI RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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- ¾ pt of hot tea
- 7 ozs brown sugar
- 10 ozs SR flour
- 1 beaten egg

Pour the tea over the fruit, add sugar. Wait until it is cool, then add the flour and the egg. Bake in a loaf tin for 1 hr 45 mins at 350 F or Gas Mark 4.

MARIANNE ELSLEY 38251

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through Deddington - I am sure that 99.9% of drivers passing through completely ignore it. (b) Painting marked parking bays in the parking area on the west side of the A423 opposite the Hudson Street junction - all too often about a dozen cars will be parked there when, with a little thought and consideration on the part of the drivers, at least 16 or 17 could be tidily parked.

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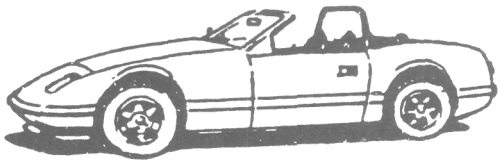

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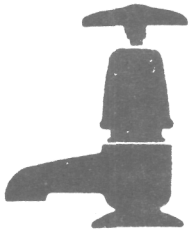

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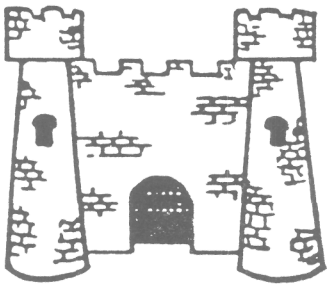

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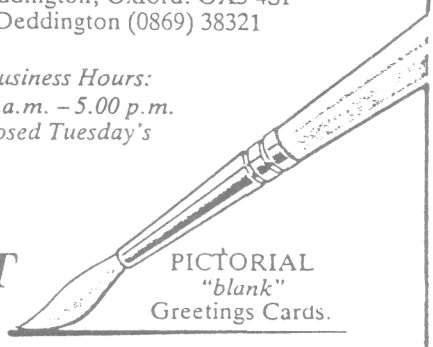

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The weather has been very kind of late so it is time to dust the cobwebs from your rackets and come and play at the weekends. If you are interested in joining the Club our Membership Secretary is Graham Cheetham who lives at 3 The Daedings, telephone 38605.

HOLLY TREE CLUB

Our members were entertained on Wednesday 17 February by eight Girl Guides plus their leader Maggie Rampley and her companion. A couple of foreign dances and songs were performed round an imaginery camp fire, some of our members joining in the singing. Apart from the foregoing, a few well known songs were sung accompanied by actions. To finish a very pleasant half hour or so, we had a little sing song together of the Old Tyme Music Hall favourites.

Our grateful thanks to them all for brightening up our Wednesday meeting, also for giving up their precious holiday time to entertain the Senior members of our community.

PEGGY BUSBY Hon Secretary

SCOUTS

Our activities recently all seem to have been about "walk-abouts". Andrew Bond, Daniel Holmes, Michael Scott and Gregory Rampley planned a 25 mile hike during the half term holiday. They started on the Ridgeway Path near Wantage and made their way with only a minor hiccup to Streatley. They stayed overnight at the Youth Hostel before completing the rest of the hike at Watlington. Their feet ached a bit, with a couple of small blisters, but they enjoyed the challenge of planning and undertaking it with the minimum of adult help.

Our next hike was a joint activity with the Guides. Only this hike didn't start until 10 pm from the Windmill, and ended at Horley at 3 am, with muddy laughs en route - especially when the ankle disappeared in mud and attempts to pull out the foot nearly resulted in a lost shoe. They crashed out where they could in their sleeping bags at Horley. Every time one moved it pushed some one else and so it went on. Still they (well, some of them) had a couple of hours sleep before breakfast. Many thanks to those parents of Guides and Scouts who helped transport the lads, equipment or leaders to make the hike.

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GUIDES

Our meetings have been very full with learning new songs and dances, First Aid training and preparing for outdoor activities, etc.

Thinking Day in February is the time when we particularly think of girl guides and girl scouts all over the world, and take part in various International activities. We were very strongly represented at County International Day in Oxford when I took a party of 12 guides. It was a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones as we were mixed up into six groups. Each group then 'visited' a foreign country - learnt a little about that country and cooked a typical dish, which was our lunch! There was also a chance to try out some international crafts, games and songs. We have also had our own International evening, organised and led by our own International committee.

As part of Song and Dance Year we visited the Holly Tree Club and sang some camp-fire songs, performed 2 dances and very much enjoyed the community singing - many of these songs we learnt from the club members. It was a lovely afternoon and we would like to thank the club for their hospitality.

A recent highlight was the night hike with the scouts. For this event we had a fine starlit night. Having left Deddington at 10.30 pm we arrived at Horley camp site at about 3 am - lots of adventures en route of course! Many a tale to tell of getting stuck in the mud - but on the whole problem free and very enjoyable. Almost everyone made the whole distance and can feel very pleased with themselves.

Our thanks to Bryant bedding delivery service and Jane Rose and two rangers, Hazel and Anna, who got the fire going and the cocoa ready for our arrival. After a couple of hours 'sleep' it was time to get up and get breakfast before going home to bed!

On Mothering Sunday we shall be taking part in the service, meeting at 10.15 am sharp outside church (13 March). We also have a 6 mile hike planned from Adderbury and another from Deddington and an enrolment ceremony. Please see separate notice about our Jumble Sale at 2 pm on 26 March at Windmill Centre (see page 8).

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MAGGIE RAMPLEY

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

The new year has brought a change of fortunes for the First Team, who have lost only once since Christmas. The Reserves continue to struggle but a couple of recent wins and a more settled team should ensure a good finale to the season.

Best performance of the season so far was the First Team's 3-1 victory over Grimsbury in the Guardian Cup Semi-Final. We now look forward to the Final in April when we meet Broughton & North Newington in a bid to bring the Guardian Cup back to Deddington once again. What a fitting conclusion that would be to the Club's Centenary Year!

Recent results:

1st team			Reserves		
2 Jan	v Middleton (A)	2-2	v Unicorn (A)	L. 1-6	9 Jan
9 Jan	v Charlton (H)	W. 4-3	v Shipston (A)	L. 1-4	16 Jan
16 Jan	v Broughton & NN (A)	W. 4-1	v Hornton (H)	W. 3-1	30 Jan
30 Jan	v Grimsbury (A)	W. 3-1	v Comrades (A)	L. 0-2	6 Feb
6 Feb	v Wroxton (A)	W. 5-0	v Halse (A)	L. 0-3	13 Feb
13 Feb	v Shipston (A)	L. 2-1	v Bodicote (H)	W. 2-1	20 Feb
20 Feb	v Bloxham (A)	2-2			

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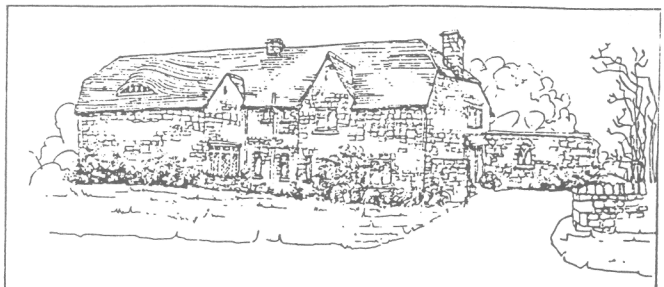

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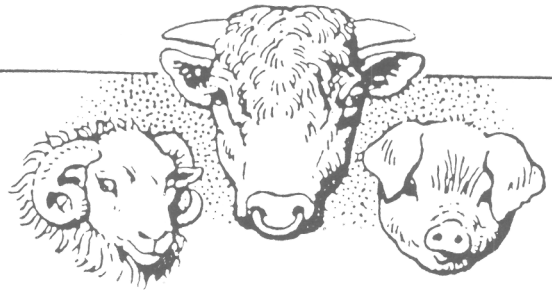

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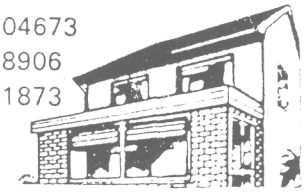

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38	R Shaw	£17	45	Mrs J Junor	£50
	Mrs D Burton	£6		F Keys	£6
39	Mrs T Howard	£100	46	M Maskery	£17
	Miss L Hancock	£6		L Plumbe	£6
40	Mrs P Harper	£17	47	M Smith	£17
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41	M Maskery	£17	48	D Fisher	£17
	E Fulbrook	£6		M Spiers	£6
42	Mrs M Bradley	£17	49	Mrs C Smith	£17
	W Keys	£6		Miss J Gaw	£6
43	Mrs I Reed	£17	50	P Blackburn	£17
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Anyone wishing to join the 220 Club, with a chance of weekly prizes from £6 to £ 00 (total prize money over £1600) should get in touch with Tony Gaw (38707), Les Burton (38358) Cliff Smith (38647) or any Club Member.

CLIFF SMITH 38647

LITTER BLITZ 83

This year's Litter Blitz, promoted by Cherwell District Council, will be from 16-24 April. As usual we are looking for volunteers to help clean up the village. If you are able to help by clearing litter in a particular area, stretch of road etc., however small, please ring 38682 or 38353 and let us know as soon as possible and we will supply you with rubbish bags.

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DEDDINGTON W.I.

Deddington WI met on 9 February. During the business meeting we discussed the forthcoming Group Meeting, when we shall be hosts. We also discussed the subject of Bus Concessions for pensioners. This subject crops up regularly and members wonder why Deddington is excluded from such a scheme. It was decided to organise a petition in the village to obtain signatures from those who think that a concessions scheme should be available. There is a book to sign in the Post Office, and those of you who are interested, please add your name.

We were to have heard a talk by Toppins Coaches on the joys of travelling down the Rhine but for the second time we were let down by the speaker at the last moment. And for the second time, at the last moment, Mrs Grundy of Barford stepped in and gave us one of her talks. We are always very happy to have "Mac" with us; she is an old friend, and most welcome. This time she told us about her holiday in Tenerife and showed us her very interesting slides. It all looked very tempting in the middle of our winter.

Our next meeting is on 8 March; would members please remember that we would like nominations for the committee for next year. If you would like to serve, please let us know before the meeting. Next meeting: AGM.

MARIANNE ELSLEY 38251

PLAYGROUP

It seems difficult to believe that Deddington Playgroup have finally fulfilled their dream of a new building. A lot of people have worked very hard to pull the whole project together and every little bit of help has been much appreciated. We still have work to do, cleaning, carpeting and curtaining the inside, returning all the equipment and turfing the children's outside play area but hopefully many hands will make light work.

On Saturday 19 March we are holding a Jumble Sale at the Holly Tree Club - doors open 2.00 pm. Please come along, I'm sure there will be many bargains. Jumble can be left at the Playgroup prior to the day or may be brought along to the Holly Tree Club on the morning of 19 March from 10.30 onwards. Please contact me if you would like any jumble collected.

Alas, we are still seeking a Supervisor for the Playgroup. It is an interesting and most rewarding position supervising 3 - 5 year old children for 4 mornings a week, in most pleasant working conditions; the salary is currently under review. Any person interested should contact our secretary, Mrs Julie Greenwood, Tel: 38546.

To help raise much needed cash we are considering starting up a 100 Club but of course to do this we need a considerable number of interested people. For further information please contact me.

MAUREEN COLLEY 38016

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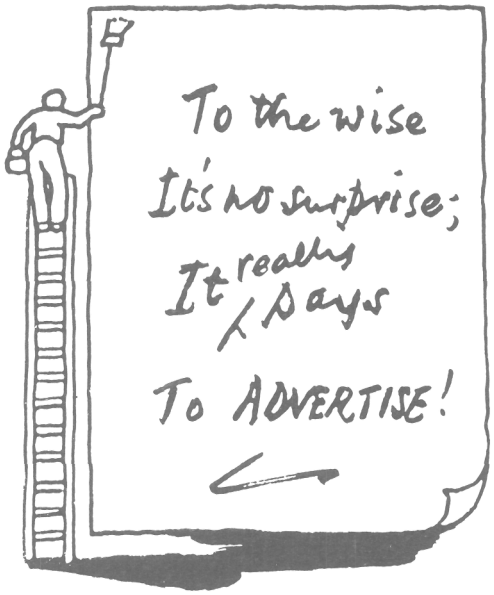

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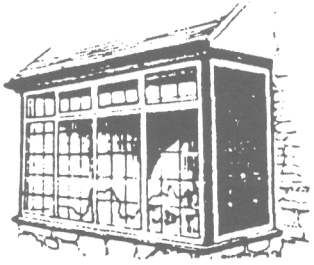

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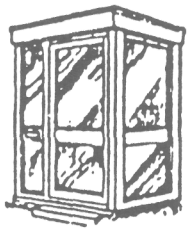

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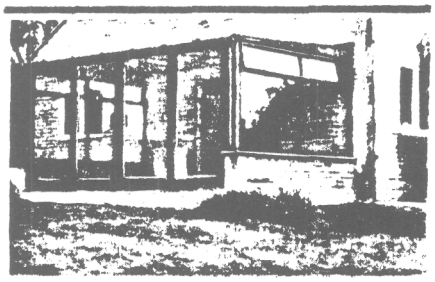

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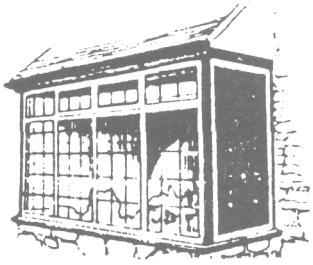

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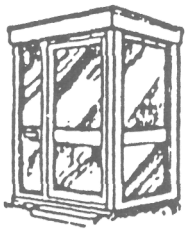

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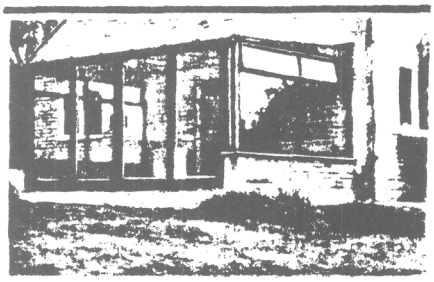

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